

Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

An English corner remarked recently at an inquest that it was strange what a large number of people died suddenly after eating cheese.

Rev. Hudson Taylor says that opium in China "is doing more harm in a week than the united effort of all our Christian missionaries are doing good in a year."

So poor are the Russian peasants says Dr. E. J. Dillon, in an article in the Nineteenth Century, that even the roach and black beetle can not find sustenance in their huts.

Prof. Molisch, of Prague, says that photographs can be taken by the light emitted by raw potatoes and hard-boiled eggs, in which the phosphorescent germs have been artificially cultivated.

The Hawaiian legislature has passed over the governor's veto a law allowing baseball and similar amusements on Sunday, and permitting cigar and many other stores to remain open on that day.

Outside the polar regions there remains unexplored, it is estimated, about one-fifth of the land surface of the globe. Fifteen years ago the unknown portions were about one-eighth of the earth's total.

To be exempt from military service in Switzerland one must pay a tax of \$25 a year, no matter whether one is a cripple or an invalid. And if the bill is neglected the Swiss is prohibited from entering any beer garden or public entertainment until the full sum is paid.

A curious plan for catching fish is used in the River Columbia. A number of wheels are set up in the middle of the stream, which, as they turn, catch up the fish and cast them into troughs by the river banks. As much as five tons' weight of fish a day has thus been taken.

Over seven thousand miles of railroad will be constructed during 1905, the greatest mileage of new line since 1887. In the latter year, 12,983 miles were built, but that figure has not been approached since. The plans for the present year, according to a railway publication, provide for 9,332 miles, and it is estimated that more than 7,000 miles will be actually graded and the steel laid.

Take a map of the United States and, with ruler and pencil, block out a rectangle, with the northern line parallel with Cleveland, the southern boundary passing through Cincinnati, the eastern border in the neighborhood of Harrisburg, Pa., and the other resting upon the western boundary of Ohio. Study it carefully, line by line. For that rectangle is the baseball belt—the country which now produces the great professional ball players—and from that circumscribed area every high-class baseball organization in the country now draws its chief supplies.

James H. Hyde, the storm-center of the Equitable fight, is reputed to have the most splendid stables in America. There is a special room devoted to the harness, spotless and shining as table silver. In a case are curbs, bits, bells, stirrups and whips. There are carved wooden cases, containing a veritable museum of old stirrups, postillion whips and hunting horns, and a great hall containing not less than 28 carriages. The stables are ruled over by Francois Guillot, a true Parisian, who served W. K. Vanderbilt for ten years. Mr. Hyde has an office in the stable handsomely furnished and equipped with telephones and electric bells.

A method has recently been invented of depositing a metal coating electrically on laces and other fine fabrics. The process is still kept a secret, but it turns out the most surprising results, in effect changing the tissues exposed into the daintiest fabrics of gold, silver or bronze. The utility of the metalized laces covers various fields; they serve for table ornamentation and for center pieces; architects use them in mural decorations; in applications on upholstery and for the hangings of panels in salons, boudoirs and rich dining halls.

A recent and most curious discovery made in connection with the study of radium is its peculiar property of destroying the poisonous effect of the venom of serpents. This was ascertained in France by Prof. C. Phisalix. He states that an exposure of from fifty to sixty hours to the rays of radium is sufficient to destroy the poisonous character of the poison of the viper, and the same is true of the poison of the cobra, which is interesting in view of the fact that the latter poison resists the action of heat much longer than any other.

In McMillan's woods, on the Gettysburg battlefield, where the left support of Pickett's charging column formed in the battle of July 3, 1863, Capt. Herman H. Mertz has found an interesting memento. It is a land turtle, apparently of great size, which for more than 40 years has carried around with it the name and company of a member of the United States signal corps. On the top of the well-worn shell is carved the American flag, waving over three turrets, the insignia of the engineer corps, and bears this inscription: "J. Lee, Co. B., U. S. E., 1863."

Every cow in Belgium must wear earrings now, for a regulation has been issued that all animals of the bovine species are to be thus adorned on reaching the age of three months. This is a hygienic measure, intended to prevent the introduction into Belgium of animals suffering from tuberculosis. Breeders are obliged to keep a strict account of the animals raised by them, and the ring, on which is engraved a number, is fastened in the animal's ear for the purpose of preventing the substitution of one animal for another.

INTERNATIONAL PLAYMATES.



POISONER HOCH WILL HANG

The "Modern Bluebeard" Found Guilty of Wife Murder.

Jury, at Chicago, Find That He Killed Marie Welcker-Hoch and Assess Death Penalty.

Chicago, May 20.—Johann Hoch, murderer of his wife, Marie Welcker-Hoch, was yesterday afternoon sentenced to death by a Chicago jury, which decided his fate in less than half an hour after retiring from the courtroom.

A verdict of guilty was voted on the first ballot. The first vote on punishment was ten for death and two for life imprisonment. Two more ballots were required to secure a unanimous vote for death.

When the verdict was announced, Hoch, who had assumed a disinterested manner during the closing hours of the trial, straightened in his chair, and then sunk as though in a stupor, nodding his head repeatedly, seemingly unable to realize the meaning of all that was going on.



Hoch, who, because of his many marriages to women, some of whom he is accused of having murdered, and many more of whom he is said to have deserted, is known as the "Modern Bluebeard." Poisoned his wife, Marie Welcker-Hoch, and even before the woman was dead made love to her sister, Amelia Fisher-Hoch, who subsequently gave birth to an heir.

DISASTROUS COLLISION.

Eight Dead and Four Injured in a Freight Collision Near McHenry, Ky.

Owensboro, Ky., May 19.—One of the most disastrous railroad wrecks in western Kentucky for some time occurred near the Illinois Central, near McHenry station, at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

As a result of a collision between two freight trains, eight persons are known to be dead, other bodies are probably covered in the wreckage and several persons are injured.

The two trains were smashed to pieces, the engines being reduced to scrap iron. A large number of cattle and hogs were roasted to death by the heat from the demolished engines, there being two cars of live stock in one of the trains.

KAISER WILLIAM IS ANGRY.

Private Letter Written By the Czarina Falls Into the Hands of German Officials.

Manchester, England, May 18.—According to the Despatch, a letter from the czarina, written to a friend in Darmstadt, Germany, has fallen into the hands of the German officials. In the letter the czarina blames the grand dukes for the disasters which have overtaken Russia. She also bitterly criticizes the action of Germany, in endeavoring to profit by the misfortunes of her neighbor.

The Kaiser is said to have read the letter, and much unpleasantness has been caused between the two courts as a result of the free expression of opinion by the czarina.

Woman Jumped From Window.

Des Moines, Ia., May 18.—Seeing the face of a man whom she supposed to be a burglar in her mirror, Mrs. Mark Hayes jumped from her bedroom window and was caught uninjured in the boughs of a shade tree. Neighbors, attracted by her screams, rescued her.

Letter Imports More Workmen.

Zeigler, Ill., May 18.—One hundred and twenty-five Hungarians have been imported here to work in the Letter mines. This is the first importation of workmen since several weeks before the disastrous explosion.

Two Killed in Indiana Wreck.

Lafayette, Ind., May 18.—A west-bound Lake Shore train ran into an open switch at Montmorenci and was wrecked. The engineer and fireman were killed, and six persons were injured. The dead are H. G. Haller, engineer, and Warren Bass, fireman.

Spa Turns Into Oil Gusher.

Port Huron, Mich., May 18.—The Port Huron bath house mineral well has turned into a forty-barrel-per-day oil gusher. The oil tested 90 per cent. pure.

TAPS FOR LAST 1812 SOLDIER.

Soldiers Fired Volley. Bugler Sounded Taps, and Hiram Cronk Is With Army of the Dead.

New York, May 19.—New York paid obsequious honors to the late Hiram Cronk, last soldier of the war of 1812. More than 50,000 New Yorkers, with bared heads, filed past the flower-covered bier in which the dead soldier lay in the city hall. The expenses of the funeral, but befitting honors to him, are borne by the city.

The catafalque rested in the rotunda of the city hall, draped with flags and flowers, while the building was draped in black. It was the first time since the death of Gen. Grant that a body has laid in state in the city hall.

After the body had been lowered into the grave, at Cypress Hill cemetery, a squad of soldiers fired a volley over the grave and a bugler sounded taps.

THE GRAND ARMY REUNION.

Preparations Well Under Way For the Annual G. A. R. Encampment at Denver, Col.

Denver, Col., May 19.—The executive committee of the Grand Army of the Republic met here Thursday night, with Commander-in-Chief W. W. Blackmar, and reported that arrangements had already been perfected for accommodating 60,000 visitors during the national encampment here next September. It is estimated that 125,000 persons will visit Denver on the occasion of the national encampment, and a committee will continue working to secure pledges for quartering that number. It was announced that rates for hotel and other accommodations would remain at the usual standard during the encampment. The committee is arranging a programme of events for the entertainment of the old soldiers and their friends.

STRICKEN AT CONVENTION.

Rev. Dr. Cushing, of Burmah, India, Stricken Down at the Baptist Convention.

St. Louis, May 19.—Just as the Baptist convention was about to adjourn, during the afternoon, the venerable Dr. Cushing, president of the Baptist university at Rangoon, Burmah, India, was stricken on the stage and fell, apparently dying, to the floor.

While waiting for the ambulance to arrive one of the leaders of the convention offered up a prayer for the stricken man, the audience standing with bowed heads while the application was being voiced.

Dr. W. H. Mayfield and Dr. W. G. Tyzzer, of St. Louis, who were in the audience, hurried to the side of Dr. Cushing, a few moments after he collapsed, but he was beyond medical aid.

GIVEN A ROUSING WELCOME.

Fifteen Thousand People Greet Commander Eva Booth of the Salvation Army in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., May 18.—Commander Eva Booth of the Salvation Army addressed 15,000 people in Convention hall, which was a larger audience even than her father spoke to here, and which he said was the largest meeting ever held by the army outside of London. United States Senator William Warner delivered the address of welcome, and a chorus of 2,000 sang.

GEORGE H. WOOD CONVICTED.

His Plea of Not Guilty Withdrawn and a Plea of Murder in the Second Degree Accepted.

Somerville, N. J., May 20.—After building up and supporting with expert testimony the wildest theory of double personality for their client, the lawyers of George H. Wood, on trial for murder, asked permission to retract the plea of not guilty and enter a plea of murder in the second degree, which was granted. Wood was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Took Two Drachms Prussic Acid.

St. Louis, May 19.—Dr. George Cunningham, a young dentist, despondent because of ill health, took two drachms of prussic acid. For six hours he lay as one dead, but doctors worked with him until now there is a chance that he may live.

To Probe Kansas City Boodling.

Kansas City, Mo., May 19.—Judge Wofford, of the criminal court, has announced that he will call a grand jury to meet June 12 to investigate rumors concerning alleged boodling at the city hall.

He Came From Ohio.

Guthrie, Okla., May 19.—Judge J. J. Merrick, aged 64, a member of the Second and Seventh Oklahoma legislatures, died here. He was a native of Carroll county, O., and was a soldier in the civil war.

Curative Serum for Typhoid.

Baltimore, Md., May 19.—Dr. William Royal Stokes and Dr. John S. Fulton of the state board of health have, after nearly four years of investigation, discovered what they believe to be a curative serum for typhoid fever.

SEVENTY-MILE HURRICANE

It Killed One Man and Started Things Moving at Fort Worth.

Three Churches, Fifty Dwellings, a School Building and Other Structures Wrecked.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 22.—A heavy windstorm, blowing at the rate of 70 miles an hour, struck this city from the southwest at 6:30 Sunday night. Part of the west wall of the Texas & Pacific passenger station was blown in, and John Young, a train dispatcher, killed. The storm was most severe west of the city, and all telephone and telegraph wires in that direction are down. A passenger on a Texas & Pacific train from the west reports that the town of Mineral Wells was partly blown away. One church building belonging to the African Methodist Episcopal congregation here was demolished. Many business buildings lost their roofs, including the First national bank building, a seven story structure.

The Baptist and Episcopal churches in North Fort Worth were badly wrecked, while the roofs of the Grand hotel, in East Wetherford street, and the Johnson house, in West Fifty street, were torn away.

Fifty dwellings in various parts of the city were damaged. The Second ward school building was partially wrecked.

The storm extended as far east as Terrell, but did no particular damage at that point. Handley, seven miles east of here, suffered much property damage. It is not learned at this time if any one was killed outside of Fort Worth.

A SWING TO THE SOUTHWARD

President Roosevelt Will Visit Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Arkansas in October.

Washington, May 22.—President Roosevelt will start on his southern trip October 1. He will visit Richmond, Va., and make a speech there, which will be the first of a series of important addresses to the south. He will then swing to the southward. He expects to visit Raleigh, N. C.; from there he will go to Jacksonville or Tallahassee, Fla. The next stop of importance will be at Atlanta, Ga. From there he will go into Alabama. He will stop at three places in that state, Birmingham, Mobile and Tuskegee. At the latter place he will be the guest of the colored institute presided over by Booker T. Washington. The next stop will be at New Orleans, La., and from there the president will go direct to Little Rock, reaching there, it is now believed, on the morning of Thursday, October 12. He has received an invitation from the chamber of commerce of that city and expects to be its guest while there.

The return trip will be by the most direct route. The president wishes to be back in Washington October 16, the day when he expects congress to meet in extra session. Fearing there will be a demand from cities like Cleveland, St. Louis and Cincinnati to stop en route and thus delay his return beyond the day for congress to meet, the president has thus early firmly decided that he will make no stops between Little Rock and this city.

WAS THE GALLOW'S CHEATED?

Sensational Story That a Dummy Was Substituted For Ex-Mayor McCue.

Norfolk, Va., May 22.—There is some doubt that Mayor Samuel McCue, the wife murderer of Charlottesville, Va., really was hanged. The Groucher, a weekly political publication of this city, prints a story to the effect that a New York man traveling in Canada saw a band of immigrants on their way to Oklahoma and that McCue, disguised, was among them.

The latest development in the case came in a telegram from Oklahoma City, Okla. It is claimed that McCue never did ascend the scaffold at Charlottesville, but a dummy was shot through the drop instead. Sheriff Rogers, who had charge of the execution of McCue, says that the ex-mayor was surely hanged.

THE M'KINLEY MONUMENT.

The Cornerstone to Be Laid on the Fourth Anniversary of His Death, September 14 Next.

Canton, O., May 22.—On September 14 next, the fourth anniversary of the death of William McKinley, the cornerstone of the national monument will be laid on Monument hill. Justice William R. Day, president of the McKinley National Memorial association, an intimate friend and neighbor of President McKinley, will have the honor of placing the cornerstone. It is the present plans of the association to have the monument completed and the dedication ceremonies held on September 14, 1907, the sixth anniversary of President McKinley's death.

Judge Adams Succeeds Thayer.

Washington, May 22.—The president has appointed Judge Elmer B. Adams to the judgeship of the Eighth federal circuit at St. Louis; vice Amos M. Thayer, deceased. G. A. Finkelnburg has been appointed to succeed Judge Adams on the bench of the eastern district of Missouri.

Twenty-Five Years in Penitentiary. St. Louis, May 22.—Edward Kelleher was found guilty of murder in the second degree for the killing of "St. Louis Tommy" Sullivan, and punishment fixed at 25 years in the penitentiary.

Six Texas Bankers Indicted.

Dallas, Tex., May 22.—Six indictments against prominent west Texas bankers have been returned by a special federal grand jury. When the jury convened Tuesday Judge Meek charged the jury on violations of the national banking laws.

Steel Workers Elect McArdle.

Detroit, Mich., May 22.—P. F. McArdle, of Muncie, Ind., has been elected president of the Amalgamated Association of Steel, Iron and Tin Workers, defeating Theo Shaffer.

PRESIDENT AND THE HOUSE

The Iowa Congressmen Are Pleased With Roosevelt and the House-Senate Subbed.

Blount City, Ia., May 20.—President Theodore Roosevelt and the house of representatives were heartily commended for their efforts to curb the trusts and corporations by the sixth annual session of Iowa Congressional churches and ministers, but the United States senate was intentionally omitted from the resolution. The resolution was handed to the resolution committee by Rev. Wm. Salter, of Burlington, Ia., and the committee endorsed it and brought it to the attention of the association. There was no dissenting voice when the vote was taken.

John D. Rockefeller and his gift of \$100,000 to the American board of foreign missions will not be discussed at this session of the ministers. Many expressed themselves as disgusted with the question and with the discussion. Those in favor of accepting his money could not see that discussion would accomplish anything or get more cash from Mr. Rockefeller, while those opposed to the proposition say that the money had been taken without much reluctance, and little had been gained from debating the matter with those who differed with them.

A RATHER BACKWARD SEASON

Cold and Rainy Weather Has Affected General Trade and Retarded Farm Work.

New York, May 20.—Bradstreet's weekly review says:

Weather conditions are a leading source of complaint this week, but clearing skies, now reported throughout a large area of the country bid fair to reinforce existing optimistic views as to late summer and fall trade. Cold or rainy weather, except in a few sections, has affected general trade, further retarded an already late corn and cotton planting season, given rise to rather less optimistic winter wheat reports, and bullishly stimulated grain, pork and cotton prices. The great barometer of trade and industry, the iron trade, is less active for the cruder forms, despite price concessions, but the disposition in usually well informed quarters is to regard this as an instance of the general breathing spell, which is noted in many lines of wholesale business. Demand for finished products remains good as a whole.

LIEUT. CHAPMAN KILLED.

A Suspicious Fatality During a Sham Fight by Troops From Fort Reno.

El Reno, Okla., May 19.—Lieut. E. L. Chapman, stationed at Fort Reno, was shot in the back and instantly killed, Thursday, while assisting in the maneuvers of six companies in a running fight.

Six companies of infantry were out for field maneuvers in the presence of Brig.-Gen. Jesse M. Lee, whose headquarters are at San Antonio. While engaged in a running fight across the prairie northwest of town, Lieut. Chapman, who was acting as the battalion adjutant, received a shot from a ball cartridge fired from the companies opposing him. He died where he fell.

POLICE THINK IT A MURDER.

Another Theory As to the Cause of the Death of John B. Guinn at Joplin, Mo.

Joplin, Mo., May 20.—John B. Guinn, who was thought to have committed suicide here Thursday, is now believed by the police here to have been murdered. He was found dead in his office with a bullet hole through his head. The ball had passed through his brain from the left to the right temple and buried itself in a roller-top desk.

From the fact that there were no powder burns visible around the wound in the temple and the peculiar nature of the bullet, several physicians repudiate the suicide theory.

There is a story current of a quarrel between Guinn and another prominent Joplin man Thursday afternoon.

BLOW TO CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Canadian Jury Finds Christian Scientists Guilty of Criminal Conspiracy.

Toronto, Ont., May 19.—Christian Science has received a crushing blow in a Canadian court of justice, where, after four hours' deliberation, a jury returned a verdict of guilty of criminal conspiracy against four followers of this faith. Sentence was deferred to give the accused a chance to appeal.

The indictment was that of Mrs. Sarah Goodfellow, mother of deceased; Sarah Brunette, brother-in-law; Mrs. Isabella Grant, and Mrs. Elizabeth See, all prominent scientists, all conspired to deprive William Goodfellow of the necessities of life, to wit, proper medicine and nursing, whereby death was caused.

Testing Oiled Roads.

Topeka, Kan., May 20.—The road commissioners of Finney county have contracted for the construction of a mile of oiled road in the sandiest part of the county, and if the experiment proves a success, road making in this state will be revolutionized.

Broke a Leg Kicking.

St. Louis, May 20.—"Grandma" Hop-lup, aged 69, while teaching children to dance, kicked so high she broke her leg. "You don't do that right," she said. "Now: One, two, three!" and kicked. She is in the hospital.

Bishop Spaulding Little Improved.

Peoria, Ill., May 20.—After a month's treatment at Hot Springs, Bishop Spaulding is in Peoria, and is undergoing treatment at St. Francis hospital. While slightly improved, the bishop's condition is very unsatisfactory. He is suffering from paralysis.

Tornado in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Okla., May 20.—A tornado in Roger Mills county destroyed one dwelling, damaged several others, and beat crops into the ground. Hallstones as big as eggs fell.

CHICAGO STRIKE TO BE EXTENDED

The Expected Settlement Came to an Abrupt End.

STAND BY EXPRESS DRIVERS

Express Companies Refused to Re-instate Any of Their Men, and Then Came the Halt-Troops May Be Called Out.

Chicago, May 22.—Sunday brought no change in the attitude of both sides of the labor controversy now in progress in Chicago, and everything points toward an extension of the teamsters' strike to many other business houses during the week. The officials of the seven express companies, whose refusal to reinstate any of their striking employees caused the collapse of the settlement of the troubles Saturday night, still adhere to their determination not to give employment to any of their former employees, and the other firms involved in the difficulty declare that they will stand by the express companies in the fight. The Teamsters' union has taken just as firm a stand as the employers, and it was stated by President Shea, Sunday night, that the union would never call off the strike until the express companies came to terms.

When First Spread Is Expected.

The first spread of the strike is expected to come this morning, when the Lumbermen's association, an organization employing 2,400 teamsters' issue an order to their men to make deliveries to all business houses, regardless of whether they are involved in the strike or not. In anticipation of such an order, the teamsters met Sunday afternoon and voted to go on strike should any teamster be discharged for refusing to obey the order of the association. With non-union drivers making deliveries for the lumbermen, trouble will undoubtedly spread to affiliated industries, as the union men employed on buildings will refuse to handle material delivered by non-union labor. Should this strike be called today, and there is little to indicate how it can be avoided, there seems to be nothing that can prevent a general industrial upheaval throughout the city unless something unforeseen happens to bring about a settlement of the teamsters' strike.

The Authorities Busy.

Mayor Dunne and Sheriff Thomas E. Barrett spent Sunday in trying to ascertain if there was going to be a spread of the strike. During the afternoon a conference was held in the mayor's office. President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor was invited to attend the meeting.

After talking over the situation with Mayor Dunne and Sheriff Barrett, Mr. Gompers withdrew from the conference to have a consultation with President Shea of the Teamsters' union. Mayor Dunne said should there be an extension of the strike and the rioting of two weeks ago resumed, there is a probability that troops will be called upon to maintain order. Sheriff Barrett said that he would continue swearing in deputies, and would make special efforts to increase the number.

SEND ALONG MORE MEN.

Telegraphic Order to Strike-Breaker Curry in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., May 22.—F. G. Curry, the strike-breaker, who has been in this city for several days recruiting men, received a telegram, Sunday night, from the secretary of the Chicago Employers' association, instructing him to send to Chicago all of the men he can secure. Curry had been instructed Saturday, when a settlement seemed likely, not to send any more men. Curry sent several hundred men to Chicago early last week. The men are offered \$3.50 a day with board and protection from violence. Only white men were sent.

Two Killed in a Riot.

Chicago, May 21.—In a riot, Sunday night, between white residents and a crowd of negroes in the neighborhood where Enoch Carlson, an eight-year-old boy, was killed by a negro last week, one white man and a colored man were killed.

HAS NOT CHANGED FRONT.

Secretary Taft Says the President Has Neither Changed Nor Modified His Policy.

Washington, May 22.—Secretary Taft says that there has been no change or modification in the policy announced early last week on behalf of the Panama canal commission, that supplies for the canal would be bought where they can be had the cheapest. The reiteration of the policy by the head of the war department, who, of course, speaks the mind of the president, is emphatic.

While in an Insane Rage.

Las Vegas, N. M., May 21.—Word has been received from Los Alamos that Manuel Montoya, a rich stockman, cut his wife's throat with a razor while in an insane rage, tore down part of his house, broke much furniture and then severed his own jugular vein.

Struck Bottom of Tank.

Morristown, N. J., May 21.—Young H. Ogden Bates, a Princeton sophomore, lies in the University hospital in a serious condition, the result of diving into a swimming tank and striking his head on the cement bottom. He is paralyzed from the neck down.

Turks and Macedonians Fight.

Athens, May 22.—An encounter between Graeco-Macedonian bands and a strong Turkish detachment is reported to have occurred in the district of Landagina, in Macedonia. Eleven insurgents and 50 Turks are reported to have been killed.

His Health Was Poor.

Chicago, May 21.—Archibald McLellan, prominent in Masonic circles, committed suicide by shooting in an office on the nineteenth floor of the Maschke temple. Ill health was the reason.

A MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM.

The Attention of Congress Will be Called to the Hordes of Undesirable Foreigners Pouring In.

Washington, May 23.—President Roosevelt has taken up the immigration question, and is preparing to call it to the attention of congress and to the country.

The president believes that one of the most serious problems now confronting the American people is how to deal with the hordes of undesirable immigrants Europe is pouring upon our shores.

During the fiscal year which ends June 30 all immigration records will be broken. In those 12 months well on toward a million steerage passengers will have arrived in the United States, looking for homes or work. The greatest number arriving in any previous year was 857,046, during the 12 months ending June 1, 1903. For 1904 the total was 812,870, and for 1905 it will be between 900,000 and 1,000,000.

These are appalling figures. They are the more appalling when they are analyzed and their significance fully understood. They mean that in a single year there pours into the country a multitude of people, poor of purse and many of them poorer yet in qualifications for citizenship, equal to or greater than the present population of 18 states of the United States.

President Roosevelt is carefully studying a collection of reports bearing upon immigration, with the intention of urging consideration of the problem upon congress at an early day.

MORE EXPENSIVE THAN WAR.

Insects Cause a Loss of \$700,000,000 Annually to Farm Crops, According to Entomologist.

Washington, May 23.—Some startling facts regarding the annual losses sustained by farm crops as a result of the depredations of beetles, borers, plant lice, Hessian flies, bill bugs, wire worms, grasshoppers and other insect pests have been gathered by C. L. Marlatt, an entomologist in the department of agriculture. He declares that the destruction to various crops by these insects amounts to \$700,000,000 a year, or more than the entire annual expenditure of the government, including the pension roll and the cost of maintaining the army and navy.

Mr. Marlatt says that to one familiar with the work of these insects it is an easy matter to approximate the probable shrinkage in crop values due to their activities. He places the tax which they impose on growing and maturing crops at \$500,000,000, and adds \$200,000,000 to cover the losses